



Year R Learning Letter

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Welcome to this week's learning letter. We are definitely noticing signs of spring now, and have enjoyed seeing the wonderful colours that new flowers bring. Our runner beans are starting to germinate and we will soon send them home for planting; we hope they will grow as big as Jasper's did in the story! Looking ahead, we begin the summer term with our topic 'Where We Live'; we explore the villages that the school bases are in, and talk about our houses and homes. We would like each child to send in a photo of their house, taken from the outside, for our classroom display. If you would prefer, you can email them in, or send them on Tapestry, and we can print them in school.

In the last 2 weeks we have...

- Explored our grounds looking for changes from Winter to Spring
- Told the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff and Cinderella using story language
- Used our focus stories in our Forest School sessions
- Observed changes as our seeds have germinated
- Halved, doubled and shared
- Talked about the life cycle of a bean
- Discussed what makes a healthy diet during Jigsaw sessions

Over the next two weeks we will...

- Continue looking for seasonal changes
- Learn about odd and even numbers
- Use the stories of The Tiny Seed and Stick Man as a focus for our learning
- Develop our travelling skills in P.E.
- Practise letter formation in our Penpals sessions
- Continue learning our Phase 3 sounds and tricky words
- Look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy to inspire our Forest School sessions

Play Sand - Can you Help?

We were very fortunate to have been donated tonne bags of play sand after the Jubilee celebrations on The Green last year. However, we do not have the necessary equipment to move them from the Brockham site, to Betchworth and Leigh bases. If you know of anyone who could facilitate the transportation of two 1 tonne builders bags, one to each site, please let us know.

Wanted

- Recycling that can be used for junk modelling - small boxes in particular, please.

Reminders

- Please remember to name ALL clothing including socks if possible
- Reading books are changed on **Monday and Thursday** - please remember **no water bottles in book bags!**
- Reading every day will really help your child develop confidence with the new sounds we are learning. Don't forget to ask questions about what your child has read, to help them with those very important comprehension skills.